

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Of Manchester Is the Best for Many Years.

STREET APPROPRIATIONS

Budget About Ready for Council—No More Policemen for Manchester.

Big Street Improvements. Church Notices.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, No. 102 Hull Street.
BUDGET FOR 1903.
Total estimated assets..... \$52,748
Recommended appropriations by Finance Committee..... 45,990
Balance..... \$6,758

APPROPRIATIONS.	
Streets.....	\$7,000
Police.....	2,880
Outdoor poor.....	600
Hustings Court.....	2,000
Health.....	1,700
Cemeteries.....	1,500
Station-house.....	175
Jail.....	250
City Hall repairs.....	350
Special accountant.....	200
Special police fund.....	50
Light for offices.....	150
Special for Hustings Court.....	200
Special for station-house.....	10
Special for jail.....	50
Fire Department (increase).....	100
Alms-house, no increase.	
Elections, no increase.	
Free Bridge, cut out.	
Fire brigade, cut out.	
Special police, cut out.	
City Auditor's salary increased from \$40 to \$75.	

Little time was lost by the Finance Committee last night in figuring out the assets of the city and making out the appropriations for the current year. Three hours was all the time necessary, and the result was satisfactory to all the committees and departments that had representatives present except the advocates of an increase in the police force.

An ardent fight was made by Messrs. Wakefield, Rudd and Nunnally for an appropriation of a sum sufficient to pay the salary of two additional policemen. They argued that the people were clamoring for protection and that it was absolutely necessary to have more policemen. Two men, they said, could not want to sleep at night he could not tell what would happen to his property before day.

Messrs. Abbott, Fahr, Perdue and Owen could not see it that way, and when it came to a vote they stood in solid phalanx against the proposition, while Messrs. Bradley, Rudd, Nunnally and Wakefield favored the increase. The increase was lost on a tie vote.

A resolution to increase the salary of Superintendent Allen, of the Cemetery, from \$40 to \$50 was laid over to the regular meeting of the committee next Friday night.

The bond of H. K. Reed, as collector of taxes, was received and approved. The report of Treasurer Broughnough showed the city's finances to be in excellent condition. It showed a surplus of \$1,038.68. The appropriations last year were \$50,024.25; the expenditures, \$48,985.57. The estimated assets for this year were placed at \$52,748.

Mr. Wakefield's proposition to increase the police force was defeated by a tie vote, and the whole appropriation for the police department, but this was defeated by a vote of five to three. Several other efforts were made by those who had endeavored to increase the force to reduce the appropriation, but the amount remained as before.

City Attorney Clifton suggested that an appropriation be made to provide for the publication of the city ordinances, which had not been printed for fifteen years. The Committee on Ordinances requested that this committee had in view extensive improvements on Stockton and Semmes Streets.

Upon motion of Mr. Owen the committee decided to appropriate \$7,000, in opposition to the views of Mr. Abbott, who wanted to be able to give the streets \$10,000.

Mr. Rudd made a strong effort to have the street appropriation among the wards, so that all sections of the city might reap equal benefits. This effort was backed up by a resolution, but upon motion of Mr. Perdue the resolution went over to the next meeting.

The Committee on Cemeteries and Alms-house will meet on Monday evening.

SMALL TALK.

Raymond Nunnally, son of Mr. B. A. Nunnally, who was thrown from a wagon and hurt yesterday was reported as being better last night.

The case of Daniel Boyd, one of the negroes who was mixed in the shooting affray several days ago, has been agreed. His case has been continued. Perch Foster has not yet been arrested.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Father Waters will preach on the "Nunery" at Sacred Heart Church to-night. The musical masses will be observed at 8 and 10 A. M.

Regular services will be held at all the churches to-day.

GRAND CONCERT.

What promises to be the musical event of the season in Manchester will be the rendition of a concert and the beautiful cantata, "The Peace of Jerusalem," by the excellent Grove-Avenue Quartette. This cantata has been rendered twice and both times was very well received by the audience that tested the capacity of the church.

The cantata is in the hands of the three lady societies of the church, who are trying to pay off the debt on the handsome new organ which has recently been installed.

The Grove-Avenue Quartette is composed of singers well known in Richmond and Manchester. The soprano is Miss Dora Mitchell, whose wonderful voice for one so young has surprised her friends and admirers.

The contralto is Mrs. Jasper L. Rowe, than whom no other singer is either better known or more popular. Her sweet voice has been heard on numerous occasions, both in concert and opera.

Mr. J. W. Triblett is the tenor of the quartette and has a voice that harmonizes well with the other voices, and his rendition of the solo, "Soft Southern Breezes," in the cantata is a masterpiece.

Also, Mr. C. C. Crump, is a singer who is very well known in Manchester, and is one of Richmond's favorite singers. He has taken part in several

operas and has always acquitted himself handsomely.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Health met last night and transacted routine business. Those present were Messrs. J. D. Reams, A. D. Hooker and W. B. Gill, Jr.

STARVED HIMSELF

Believed He Would Thus Bring About a Perfection of the Spirit.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, January 31.—Joseph William Shepherd, a wealthy inventor and student of occultism, died here to-day of self-imposed starvation. Shepherd resorted all efforts of his family and physician to induce him to take nourishment, and informed the latter that he had no intention of accepting his treatment, and that he had only called him in so that his son might be protected in the event of what he termed his "apparent death." It was found that he had been fasting for six years. Owing to the extraordinary character of the case, the health authorities refused to grant a burial permit, and requested the coroner to make an investigation.

BRUTAL MURDER.

Negro Suspected of Cutting Daughter's Head Off.

(By Associated Press.)
PINE BLUFF, ARK., January 31.—The house of Dan Nolan, a negro mill hand at Kinsland, Ark., was burned to-day. After the fire Nolan's daughter's body was found in the ruins of the house. Her head had been cut off with an axe. Her mother was found some distance from the house unconscious, with a glass in her hand. Nolan is under arrest. His wife has not recovered sufficiently to give an account of the affair.

PARK IS LEASED TO MR. GUVERNATOR

A deal has just been closed by which Captain Andrew Pizini has leased West End Electric Park, commonly known as Reservoir Park, to Mr. Guvernator. The money consideration of the lease has not been made known.

Fire in Sacramento.

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, CAL., January 31.—The great department store of Wein-Stein, Lubin & Company was destroyed by fire this morning. Frank Kasebale, a fireman, was killed by a falling wall. A fireman had been killed by a falling wall. The money consideration of the lease has not been made known.

May Convert Bonds.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, January 31.—Announcement was made here to-day that the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company had adopted a resolution giving to the holders of its 3-1/2 per cent. convertible gold bonds the privilege of converting the same into capital stock at seventy dollars per share between the 15th of March and the 4th of April, 1903.

Bartenders' Union.

A called meeting of the Bartenders' Union here last night closed this afternoon at Murphy's Annex.

REALTY SKIES ARE VERY BRIGHT

Sales This Week Include Immense Tobacco Factory—Property to Be Unusually Active.

With the opening of fair weather all of the real estate agents report increasing business, and the outlook for the early spring is encouraging. The bad weather during January put a stop somewhat to auction sales and very little property was offered. February, however, opens with brighter skies, and offerings this month will be more numerous.

Messrs. J. Thompson Brown & Company advertise for this week in The Times-Dispatch two sales of more than ordinary importance.

The first is for Tuesday, February 3d, at 4:30 o'clock of the attractive detached modern residence, corner Main and Jefferson Streets, just west of and opposite the Jefferson Hotel, and a very promising corner, and several parties are contemplating its purchase with an idea of converting it into a modern flat building, for which, from its location, it has special advantages. From indications the sale will be well attended.

The second sale advertised by Brown & Company is for Friday, February 6th, of the large tobacco plant and factory, Nos. 2823 to 2827 East Main Street, now occupied by Hainline-Novotny Tobacco Company, and being part of the estate of L. L. Straus. This property is just at the foot of Libby Park, and has unusual railroad and shipping facilities.

Messrs. Brown & Company report a private sale of seven West Grace Street lots Saturday, in Lee District, at advancing prices, to prospective builders, and say the sixty-five government employees in New York, Canada, Iowa, West Virginia and Dakota, seeking information and prices as to suburban and farming lands near the city.

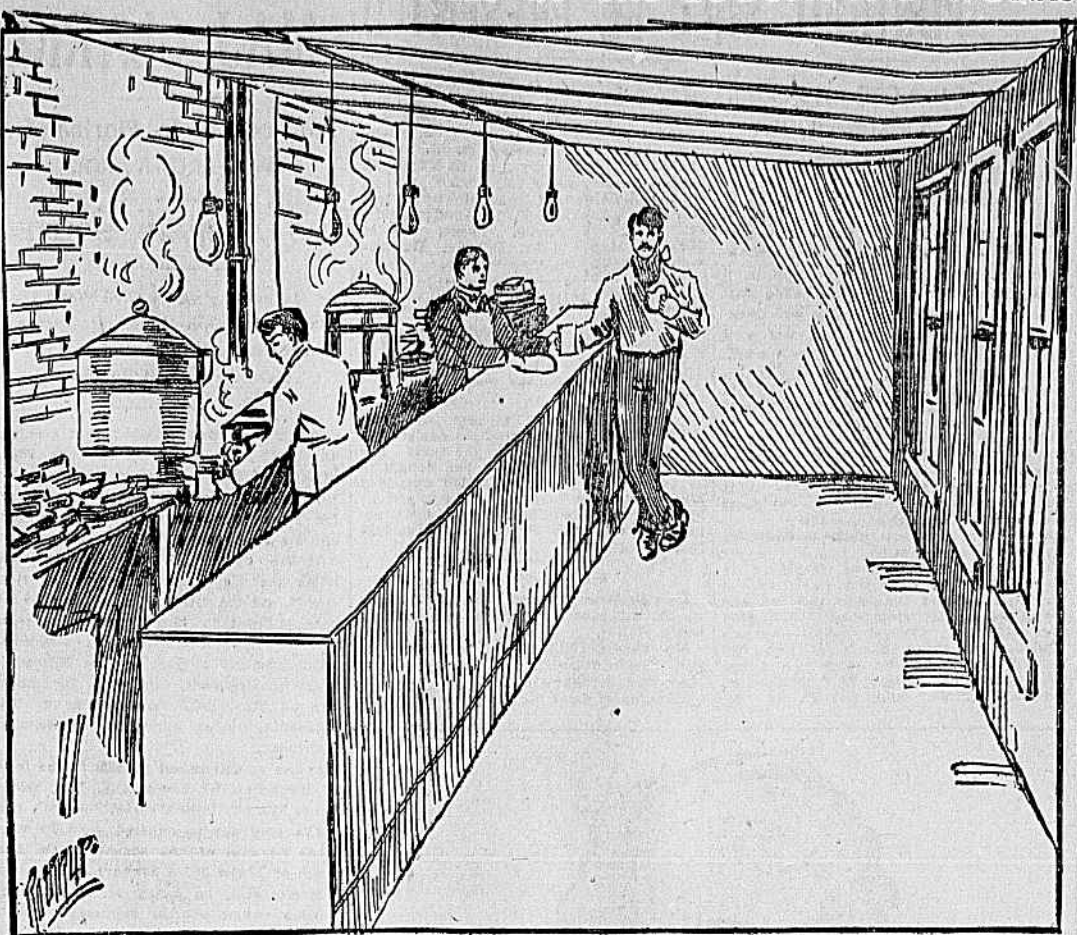
FORTY MILLIONS WAS IN DANGEROUS

There was a Fire in the United States Assay Office in New York with Slight Damage.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, January 31.—Fire broke out to-day in a laboratory on the second floor of the United States Assay Office, which is next door to the sub-treasury, and destroyed a portion of the roof and upper story and some apparatus. Chief Assayer Torrey said the loss on the apparatus probably would not exceed \$2,500, and that the loss on the building would be nominal.

Mr. Torrey believed that nitric acid, which is used in testing bullion, was the cause of the fire. An alarm was turned in, and the sixty-five government employees in the building hastened to save the millions of treasure in their care. There were about \$40,000,000 in bullion in the vault and about \$1,000,000 lying outside in various parts of the building. The \$1,000,000 and about \$100,000 in a melted state, as well as the books and records, were hastily locked in the vault.

PLACE WHERE LUNCH WILL BE SERVED TO EMPLOYEES OF THE LOCOMOTIVE WORKS



COFFEE AND SOUP TO WARM STALWART LOCOMOTIVE BUILDERS.

The question of a hot dinner, hot soup and a strong, warming cup of coffee for the many hundreds and even thousands of employees of the Richmond Branch of the American Locomotive Works, is about to be solved.

The proprietors have had erected a room where coffee and soup are to be made and pie and milk in quantities to suit, and to supply the nearly three thousand men employed at the works. Of course this number is not there at any one time during the day except twice, when the night and morning shifts succeed each other.

The remarkable circumstance about the arrangement is that coffee, with sugar and milk, is to cost the men but one cent a cup. Sandwiches, pies and milk by the glass are to be dispensed at the modest figure of three cents each. The men now bring their food from home, and they will continue to do so, but it has always been difficult to get hot coffee and soup. Many of the men want these strengthening drinks and are delighted that they are to be served to them at actual cost, if not at less than cost. The plan will be put into operation early this week.

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WINNERS IN THE SUNDAY TIMES-DISPATCH WANT COLUMNS PROVERB CONTEST.

Another Proverb Contest To-day—Seven Prizes—A Cartoon Contest Commences To-morrow.

Commencing to-morrow, the Times-Dispatch want columns will inaugurate a cartoon contest in addition to the Sunday Want-Column Proverb Contest. Six prizes will be awarded for the best drawings submitted, illustrating that it pays advertisers to use the Times-Dispatch want columns. The six prizes will be awarded in the following order: First prize, \$2; order, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth prizes, \$1 each. (See rules governing this contest on want page).

"Possession is nine points of the law," was the proverb used in last Sunday Times' want columns, and the seven prizes were awarded as follows:

PROVERB CONTEST PRIZE-WINNERS.

First prize, \$2. Order, Miss Minnie Whigfield, No. 411 Randolph Street, city. Second prize, \$1. Order, F. W. Thompson, Montpelier, Va.
Third prize, 50 cents. Order, Mrs. Robert C. White, No. 618 North Fifth Street, city.
Fourth prize, 50 cents. Order, S. J. Hall, Ashland, Va.
Fifth prize, 50 cents. Order, O. P. Denny, New York, Va.
Sixth prize, 50 cents. Order, Mr. A. B. Richardson, Dinwiddie, Va.
Seventh prize, 50 cents. Order, Mrs. N. W. Glass, No. 711 East Leigh Street, city.

Correct answers were also received from the following named contestants:

PROVERB CONTEST.

Richmond, Va.
Miss Ellen Heech, Belle Ettinger, Mrs. Ellen D. Heech, Douglas Starka, Miss Bettie Johnston, M. G. Davis, Miss W. H. Harris, D. R. Johnston, P. L. Parr, F. J. Maloney, Richard Eanes, Mrs. J. C. Maloney, Mrs. H. C. Helman, Mary Anderson, Miss N. L. Brown, Unknown, R. H. Anderson, Constant Reader, John Ware, Mrs. E. P. Mann, Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Mrs. P. H. Keeler, Raleigh, D. Glass, Mrs. B. Wilson, L. A. B., Russell Barnett, W. S. Wooten, P. C. White, Miss Cassie Ware, H. L. Barnett, B. W. Wilson, Miss Gertrude Dehl, Juliet Anderson, Mrs. Mary W. Turner, Mrs. W. S. Wooten, Miss Harry Francis, Mrs. J. C. Maloney, Miss Julia Eanes, Hugh H. Christian, Mrs. H. V. Graves, Maud Livesey, Mary Burruss, Hugh M. O'Hara, J. Freeman Graves, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. E. L. Pross, Anna E. Andrews, Miss M. C. Reese, Matilda Helman, L. H. Matthews, George A. Andrews, M. E. Tompkins, Matilda Helman, Miss J. D. Scott, Mrs. Wm. H. Minor, Miss Sarah Davis, Valentine Brown, Jr., W. B. Turner, Lynchburg, Va.
Miss Connelia Burks, Mrs. S. L. Stroud, W. H. Dillard, S. L. Stroud, Forkville, Va.
J. N. Davis, Milboro, Va.
A. L. Sullah, Nototway, Va.
Mrs. T. H. Robertson, Miss M. H. Robertson, Mrs. E. P. Atkinson, Miss Bessie Roberts

Miss P. Atkinson, Mrs. C. N. Beck, Mrs. P. H. Robertson, F. L. Dunn, G. H. Robertson, Rachel Dunn, C. H. Hardy, Mrs. S. Robertson, McKenny, Va.
Cyrus Dunn, J. R. Beck, R. Lee Cobb, Mrs. P. Lee Cobb, J. H. Beck, Mrs. W. G. Carter, Surpin Carter, S. G. Woodriffs, Norfolk, Va.
D. E. Keyser, B. M. Wiat, W. H. L. Watt, Goodland, Va.
Mrs. J. C. Hobson, Miss W. Harris, Dinwiddie, Va.
Mrs. P. H. Richardson, Bernard T. Doyle, Mrs. B. S. Doyle, Columbia, Va.
Mrs. H. B. Payne, Seven Islands, Va.
Mrs. C. Tutwiler, Petersburg, Va.
R. McG. Kent, Bessie G. Thacham, Mrs. D. B. Hinkle, Mrs. T. R. Dunn, Mrs. B. Williams, Mrs. J. B. Dabney, Mr. Tom Ousby, Miss J. B. Dabney, Preston Tinsley, Miss M. R. Dabney, Mary Ousby, Prospect, Va.
Mrs. Thos. Cooke, DeWitt, Va.
Mrs. A. G. Butterworth, Lindsay, Va.
Miss L. Johnston, Cartersville, Va.
Mrs. W. E. Robinson, G. W. Sealer, Mrs. H. J. Rhodes, Mrs. C. W. Dickenson, Miss Ethel Rhodes, Pemberton, Va.
Jas. D. Slaughter, Granite, Va.
Mrs. E. M. Pollard, Glenn Pollard, Farmville, Va.
J. E. Harris, Jr., Montpelier, Va.
S. G. Tompcon, Travers Tompcon, Emporia, Va.
Mr. E. C. Palmer, Mrs. Geo. S. Bruce, Mr. W. L. Weaver, Mrs. W. C. Weaver, Bluefield, Va.
Miss Lucy Maclin, Hampden Sidney, T. B. Atkinson, Mrs. C. Graham, Mrs. M. Carrington, J. B. Clark, Mrs. S. L. Carrington, Mr. W. Graham, Mrs. S. L. Carrington, Hunter Mann, W. B. Langhorne, Howardsville, Va.
John C. Turner, Jr., Waldron, Va.
E. D. Michie, Campbell co.
T. P. Williams.

Another proverb contest will be found in to-day's want columns. It is composed of thirteen letters and they are scattered throughout the little want ads. Seven prizes will be awarded the winners. What are the letters and what is the proverb?

Musical Postponed.

THE MUSICAL RECITAL OF PROF. Frank E. Cooley's pupils has been postponed to Tuesday night, February 10th, on account of the late winter storms of Ferguson Bros., No. 11 West Broad Street.

THE CLAIMS OF CARRIERS GRANTED

Senate Yesterday Passed Bill Allowing Them Pay for Overtime Work.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 31.—The Senate passed late this afternoon Senator Mason's bill for overtime claims of letter carriers. As reported by the Committee on Claims, the bill carries an appropriation of \$32,948.58 and passed with that amount. A similar bill passed the House last year, but the Senate crossed the appropriation several hundred dollars. The Senate bill will now go to the House for concurrence. It will certainly be agreed to by the House, and may be considered as practically passed now.

These Virginia carriers who will be benefited by this bill are given below with the amounts of their claims: Charles L. Crut, \$19.00; Sidney J. Dickerson, \$20.81; Beverly Dismond, \$98.37; Thomas H. Jackson, \$60.79; James A. Parsons, \$81.00; Henry B. Stewart, \$44.57; Samuel W. Patterson, \$94.60. Total, \$1,313.15.

Danville—Charles L. Cheatham, \$2.69; Lawrence C. Clark, \$20.80; Harry M. Watkins, \$6.88; Pleasant H. Dawwell, \$20.21; Joseph P. Hummelt, \$45.65; Cephus R. Jefferson, \$30.11; Turner W. Patterson, Jr., \$27.84. Total, \$728.31.

Lynchburg—William R. Falwell, \$23.20; William L. Finkles, \$122.29; Charles P. Nowlin, \$123.25; William J. Seabury, \$122.57; Thomas W. Spillan, \$123.30; Chas. A. Taylor, \$30.40; Edward C. Bonduant, \$62.75; Edward M. Bunch, \$11.90; Clarence L. Craft, \$19.00; Sidney J. Dickerson, \$20.81; Beverly Dismond, \$98.37; Thomas H. Jackson, \$60.79; James A. Parsons, \$81.00; Henry B. Stewart, \$44.57; Samuel W. Patterson, \$94.60. Total, \$1,313.15.

Portsmouth—George H. Armstrong, \$41.10; Silas C. Draper, \$40.83; William L. Finkles, \$122.29; Charles P. Nowlin, \$123.25; William J. Seabury, \$122.57; Thomas W. Spillan, \$123.30; Chas. A. Taylor, \$30.40; Edward C. Bonduant, \$62.75; Edward M. Bunch, \$11.90; Clarence L. Craft, \$19.00; Sidney J. Dickerson, \$20.81; Beverly Dismond, \$98.37; Thomas H. Jackson, \$60.79; James A. Parsons, \$81.00; Henry B. Stewart, \$44.57; Samuel W. Patterson, \$94.60. Total, \$1,313.15.

Staunton—Paul Cowan, \$92.53; Thomas B. Fuller, \$128.09; Nathaniel H. Varner, \$33.99; W. Blarke Miller, \$133.10. Total, \$355.91.

Threatened to Shoot.

George Williams, alias Joe Jefferson, was arrested last night on a warrant charging him with threatening to shoot W.